

## **AGENDA**

### **CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRISTS**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2015  
9:30 AM**

**Department of Public Health  
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut  
Third Floor – Conference Room “C”**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

- I. MINUTES**  
Review and approval of the minutes of the September 30, 2015 meeting.
- II. OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Request for Declaratory Ruling – Benign lesion removal
- III. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Schedule Meeting dates for 2016
- IV. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **ADJOURN**

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*The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.*

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **September 30, 2015** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor Hearing Room.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman – via telephone  
Lawrence Lefland, OD – via telephone  
Milagros Limson – via telephone  
Joseph Pavano, III, OD – via telephone  
Lawrence M. Sweeney– via telephone

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Regina A. Strand, OD

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Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**I. Minutes**

The minutes from the May 6, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Ms. Limson.

**II. Department of Public Health Updates**

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are no cases currently being investigated by the Department.

**III. New Business**

Letter from Brian Lynch, OD regarding CPT codes and Letter from Janet Brancifort, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Health regarding Declaratory Ruling Request. Assistant Attorney General, Henry Salton was present for this discussion and to provide counsel to the Board. It was determined that the request from Dr. Lynch, asking for advice as to whether a procedure is within the scope of practice of an advanced practice optometrist, is a request for a declaratory ruling. Attorney Salton explained the procedures for addressing declaratory ruling requests and also explained section 493 of Public Act 15-5 pertaining to the issuance of proposed decisions by a Board and a final decision by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health.

Dr. Lefland made a motion, seconded by Dr. Pavano, that the procedure of removal of a skin tag of the ocular adnexae by use of dichloroacetic acid is within the scope of advanced optometric practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon further discussion Ms. Limson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, to rescind the previous vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Limson made a motion, second by Mr. Sweeney, that the Board rule on Dr. Lynch's request at the November 4, 2015 Baird meeting and that notice of the Board's intentions be published in the Connecticut Law Journal and that a copy of the notice be sent to the Connecticut Medical Examining Board. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. on a motion made by Ms. Limson, seconded by Dr. Lefland. The next meeting on November 4, 2015 will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman  
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists